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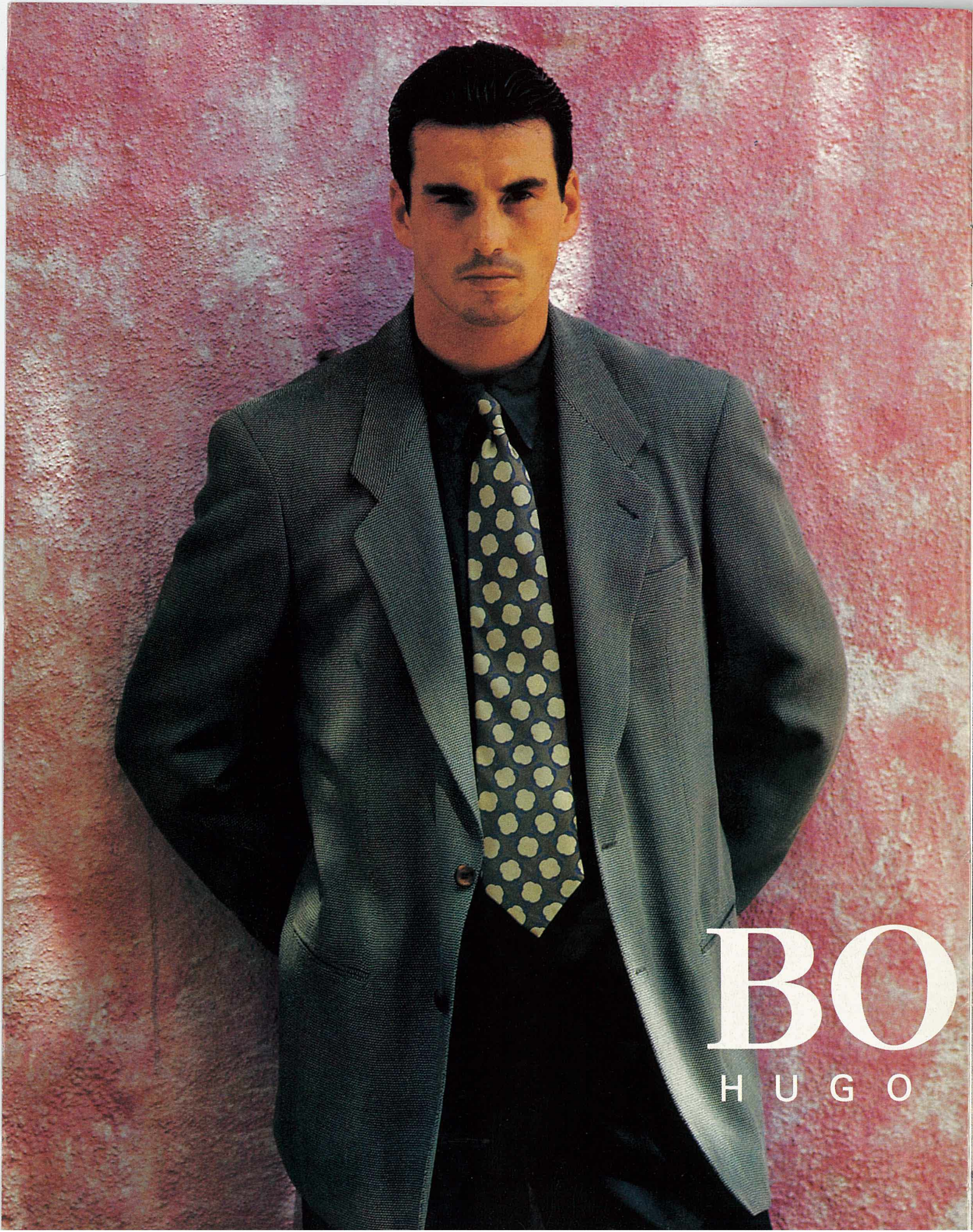
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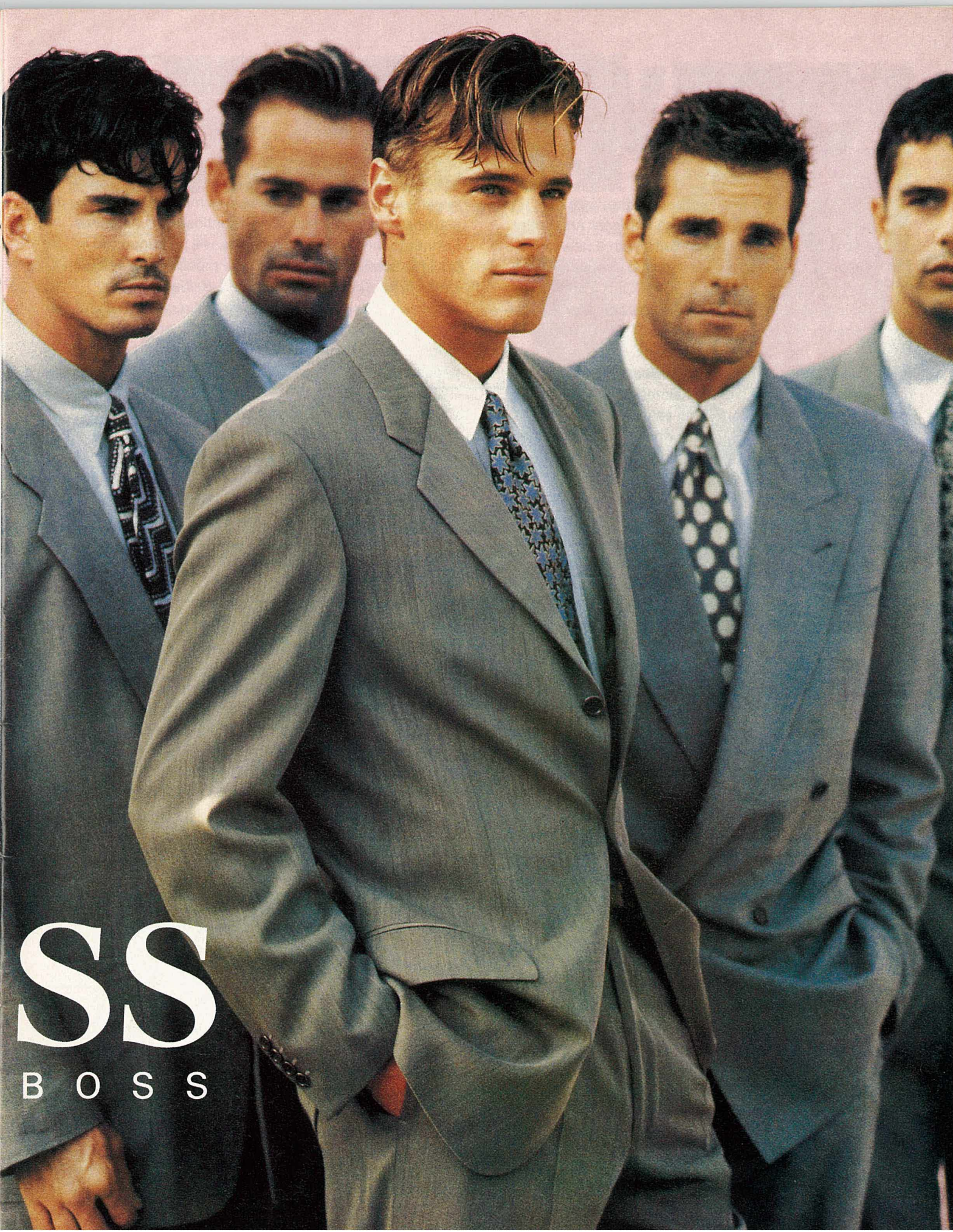
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FOREWORD

The COCA-COLA Soccer League goes into its second year with the promise of bigger and better things for the 1992/93 Season. With a new COCA-COLA Soccer League club, the success of the COCA-COLA Olyroos, the COCA-COLA Youth team and the prospect of a tough World Cup campaign, soccer is receiving unprecedented publicity.

The winds of change continue to sweep through soccer in Australia, with a new direction aimed at bringing the code into mainstream sport. This season will see the implementation of the A.S.F.'s new policy on club names. The aim clearly is to open the game to a much broader base of spectators with the objective of increasing crowds and the game's commercial appeal.

The COCA-COLA Soccer League welcomes its newest Club, Morwell Falcons, to our competition and wishes them the best of luck for season 1992/93. Morwell, situated in the Latrobe Valley, will draw great support from the surrounding cities of Sale, Traralgon and Moe for its COCA-COLA Soccer League's commitment to develop the game to ensure that soccer continues to be the true national football code of Australia.

Season 1992/93 will also see one of the world's biggest sporting events in Australia. The 7th World Youth Championships for the FIFA/COCA-COLA Cup will be staged throughout Australia in March 1993, with the opening ceremony and the finals at the Sydney Football Stadium. The eyes of the world will be on the five cities that will host matches and especially Sydney, for a successful World Youth Cup will go a long way towards the Sydney 2000 Olympic Bid.

As well as the World Youth Cup, the COCA-COLA Socceroos will continue their World Cup campaign for USA '94, during 1993. After the success of our three youth teams, let's hope that the seniors can get through to the finals. It's a tough draw, however, the determination and skill is definitely there and the whole of Australia will be behind Paul Wade and the boys.

SBS Television will continue their commitment to soccer with the biggest coverage of the game ever seen on Australian Television. This will be ably supported by radio stations 2GB, 3AK and 5RPH who will be calling

matches live every week as well as many other radio stations who will be providing countless soccer stories. Further to this, soccer in Australia will be supported in print by *Soccer Australia*, a new monthly magazine, *Champion Soccer, Australian & British Soccer Weekly, British Soccer Weekly* and a countless number of other major and minor newspapers and magazines of all nationalities that will devote hundreds of pages to it.

The COCA-COLA Soccer League also expresses thanks to the COCA-COLA system as its major sponsor. The relationship between the Australian Soccer Federation and the COCA-COLA system is a successful one that is developing our sport to a world standard at all levels. We also wish to acknowledge the continuing support of the Victorian Health Foundation, the Drug Offensive, Australian Airlines and Mitre.

This *Yearbook* offers great value for money with a poster, the complete draw and all the news on your favourite COCA-COLA Soccer League club.

Finally, I wish to thank the Australian Soccer Federation Staff, COCA-COLA Soccer League Clubs, State Federations and our Amateur affiliates whose continued contributions enable the game to grow year by year. Good luck to all those associated with the COCA-COLA Soccer League for this season and may the game continue to succeed at all levels.

JOHN CONSTANTINE AM, OAM
CHAIRMAN



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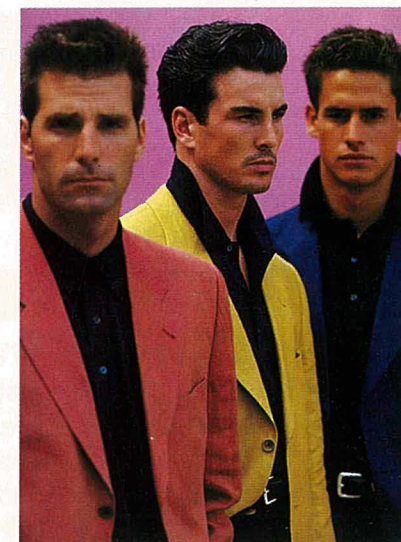


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THE BIG

ADELAIDE CITY

Last season City carved a slice of COCA-COLA Soccer League history by becoming the first club to win the League and Cup double. Now comes the hard part - fending off the challengers who are vying to prevent City reliving the glory with a second successive triumph. Zoran Matic will be at the coaching helm for a club record eighth season. He needs to cover the loss of Tony Vidmar to Belgian club Ekeren and possibly others. Armed with recommendations from former Yugoslav superstar Drago Sekularac and other valuable contacts, Matic has cast his net from Spain to Africa in his player quest. Before leaving, Matic clinched the prized signatures of West Australian stars Tony Carbone, Marc Wingell and Vince Metassa from Perth Italia. Adelaide City should be a galloping frontrunner this season.

BRISBANE UNITED

Along with Wollongong, they were the surprise packet last season finishing a creditable sixth under the coaching of the talented and likeable Miron Bleiberg.

And who could dare suggest that United could not go one better this summer, although, as Bleiberg pointed out, the Queenslanders have now lost that element of surprise. Unfortunately, like most league clubs, Brisbane does not have the money to plunge into the transfer market or compete with the big-spenders. As a result, Bleiberg has to tread warily when looking for players or negotiating player payments. United's only signing as we went to press is English professional Alan Hancock, who had stints with third division Stockport County in 1989-90 and Burnley the following season. Bleiberg expects John Brown, who is not short on admirers from the southern clubs, and Chris Slater to make their mark after good seasons last summer.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Last season's new Olympic Village supremo, Gary Cole, played catch-up ball for most of last season.

Cole, through no fault of his own, missed the pre-season, didn't get a firm hand on the recruiting and, as a result, spent the first half of the year doing the fine tuning other clubs had completed well before.

Hold on to your hat folks. If you thought you'd seen everything the CCSL has to offer, just wait until the 1992/93 season kicks off. New faces, bright new names and a new image for Aussie soccer is the name of the game as we await the fourth sizzling summer of super soccer. This season the field is as open as any, and with six finals places up for grabs it is anyone's guess who'll be lifting the championship trophy on grand final day. Here RAY GATT (The Australian), ALLAN CRISP (Adelaide Advertiser) and GREG BLAKE (Australian and British Soccer Weekly) look ahead to what fans can expect from their clubs in 1992/93.

In spite of that, Cole managed to rev the long dormant Heidelberg engine and the Bergers are shaping as a dark horse for '93. Cole did a terrific job in his rookie CCSL year and he deserves a team to work with.

If the Bergers can give him one or two more quality players, Cole could be set to lift Heidelberg back towards the heights of the late 1970's and early 1980's.

MARCONI FAIRFIELD

These are changing times for the club recognised as the glamour team of the league. There's a new direction, a new coach in Frank Arok and a "watch every dollar" philosophy. "It will take two or three months for the new players to blend into the side, but we will be in the top five," Arok said.

Arok had little or no money to work with at St George, yet produced some outstanding results, mainly through his ability to motivate and play on the underdog theme. He has already made his mark at the club. Goalkeeper Bob Catlin has gone; star striker David Seal has a \$200,000 fee on his head.

Stalwarts David Lowe and Jean-Paul De Marigny are not wanted and classy Milan Blagojevic has gone overseas. After failing to entice rugged Andrew Bernal, Arok has signed crafty defender George Jolevski. He has also come to terms with South Melbourne striker Kimon Taliadoros, former St George striker Matthew Bingley and veteran goalkeeper Tony Pezzano. His biggest coup, however, is the capture of Yugoslav sweeper Blagoja Kuleski.

KICK-OFF

MELBOURNE CSC

The intangible quality of character will shape the season for a Melbourne side beaten in heartbreaking penalty shoot-outs in the past two grand finals.

On raw talent you'd have to give it every chance of bouncing back again, perhaps even more determined than this time last year.

There will be no Branko Milosevic or Francis Awaritefe this campaign and although Milosevic's contribution last season was minimal, big Francis will be missed.

Canny coach Ken Murphy holds high hopes for young Ollie Pondlejak who, whilst not from the physical mould of Awaritefe, is skilled and determined in his own right.

There will be few substantial changes in the senior side for the new season, although Alan Davidson will be a late starter after completing a stint in Malaysia.

This side has driven into the finals in its last four seasons and unless age or indifference catch up with the key men, there is no reason to suggest that it will miss the play-offs this time around.

MORWELL FALCONS

As a regional based club the Morwell Falcons are CCSL class all the way and fully deserving of a place in the elite competition. Everything president Don Di Fabrizio's mob has done for the past decade has turned to gold, so watch the Falcons fly in the years to come.

But the prognosis for the club's opening CCSL campaign is not a pleasant one. Weeks before the season and Morwell coach Bob McLachlan was yet to sign an established CCSL quality player despite his best scouting efforts. Both the distance to Victoria's Latrobe Valley and the fact that many of the players he has chased are still tied to Victorian Premier League clubs have meant putting recruiting plans on hold until the very last minute. Three or four of that team will be CCSL stayers, but the Falcons will be grounded quickly unless the club snags a good five or six top signings.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

If ever a club deserves to succeed, it has to be the BHP Breakers. Coach Bruce Stowell has a lot to build on and a concerted off-season buying program could pay enormous dividends. His two big-name captures are

COCA-COLA Socceroos Darren Stewart, the former Apia defender, and ex-Preston striker Warren Spink. Spink should provide the needed scoring power. Stewart likes nothing better than to push forward and is always dangerous around goal with his powerful shot and good aerial ability. Experienced campaigners Andrew Koczka and Craig Moffitt and COCA-COLA Olyroos Dominic Longo and Brad Maloney will provide valuable support. Stowell expects his squad to be pushing for a top six spot.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

One of the disappointments of last summer after making the semi-finals the season before. Coach Raul Blanco, who has achieved so much in the last six or seven years, has joined West Adelaide after a disappointing dispute. He has taken midfielder Hugo Gimenez and striker Greg Brown with him. His successor, Rale Rasic, took the COCA-COLA Socceroos to their only World Cup finals appearance to date in Munich in 1974. Rasic's record, twice coach of the year, is superb. However, he is under no illusions how tough the job will be. Already, Rasic is basing his plans on a youth policy, supplemented by experienced players. Rasic makes no secret that he expects much from strong, talented defender Adam Ciantar, who was close to COCA-COLA Olyroo selection until he was injured, Jason Falzon and Michael Reda. Whether the Eagles will go far in the championship race depends on the performances of Andrew Callanan, Scott O'Donnell, Aytec Genc and the amazing Marshall Soper.

PRESTON

Despite the best efforts of John Gardiner and then replacement Ian Dobson, the Connor Reserve boys ended 1992 dead-last on the ladder in the club's worst CCSL season. Add to that a \$10,000 good behaviour bond and a tribunal hearing which has docked the club of four match points before the new season has even started and you can appreciate the frustrations of last season's administration, which resigned en masse in June.

On field this Preston club needs a major overhaul, not just a tune-up, and to date those changes don't look like happening. Forget the top five, with a four point deficit already Preston will be hard-pressed to climb out of the bottom five.



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THE BIG KICK-OFF

SOUTH MELBOURNE

South Melbourne's most successful era in club history is over. The legendary Ferenc Puskas has coached his last at Middle Park and into the breach steps his long-time assistant, Jim Pyrgolios. History shows that losers are not tolerated at Middle Park, so Pyrgolios will need to get the Blues up and firing early. That shouldn't be tough.

The South Melbourne camp was disgusted at their own efforts in last year's finals series and what is already a talented side will hit the new season with vengeance.

Pyrgolios has a couple of changes up his sleeve, including a new deeper play-maker role for the magnificent Paul Trimboli. This should suit new signing Francis Awaritefe, in to replace departed Kimon Taliadoros, who should enjoy running full steam on to Trimboli's pinpoint passes. Other new signings certain to command regular first team places are Kevin Muscat, the 1992 under-21 player of the year, and goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis, brother of PAOK star John Anastasiadis.

SYDNEY CSC

What a tough job former Sydney Olympic coach Mick Hickman has here! Rather like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. Like Marconi and Olympic, Sydney expects almost instant results. They demand success and, if it doesn't come, it's goodbye coach. Maybe it is time the club looked to its juniors to carry it through. What about skyscraper goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac, defenders Mark Babic and Tony Popovic, midfielder Robert Stanton and strikers Matthew Zec and Ante Moric? Kalac, Popovic, Stanton and Babic have already had their share of CCSL football and they will only improve. Hickman has lured defender David Barrett and defender/midfielder Robert Ironside from Sydney Olympic and Marconi striker David Lowe ... three excellent buys. Ironside will give the midfield the power and strength that has been lacking in recent seasons. Lowe will have a big season and prove to Marconi that he should never have been allowed to go.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

It has been often said that Peter Raskopoulos got out of the game far too early, when he retired at the end of the 1988-89 season. He made a comeback as manager, working alongside Mick Hickman, when Olympic took its

first title in 1989-90. Rasko won't have an easy job because there will be a big change-over in players with some of the tried and true champions looking elsewhere. Most importantly, there is no Ned Zelic, who has signed with Borussia Dortmund. The loss of Zelic and the others could be too big a chunk out of the side. Raskopoulos admits he will be thin in attacking manpower and is desperate to sign several class strikers now that Abbas Saad and Tim Bredbury will not be returning.

WEST ADELAIDE SHARKS

Supporters can look forward to an infectious, spontaneous burst of Latin magic from the Sharks this season. New coach Raul Blanco is set to become a folk hero at West. Once Blanco completed his obligations with the COCA-COLA Socceroos in July, he jetted off to his native Argentina in search of fresh Latin talent. But his first capture came from the local market. He signed exciting Sydney striker Jose Iriarte who joins fellow South Americans Claudio Canosa and Mario Perucho as visa players. Also marked for pre-season scrutiny are promising youngsters Jimmy Tsekinis, Billy Karapetis, Steve Georgiou and Frank Tibaldi. With Paul Agostino now in Switzerland with Young Boys of Berne and Kurt Reynolds Canberra-bound for a job promotion, the Sharks have lost two top performers. Blanco will ride these early bumps before using his vast expertise to breathe vitality back into the club he describes as "The Sleeping Giant."

WOLLONGONG CITY WOLVES

Under the superb coaching of former COCA-COLA Socceroo David Ratcliffe, the Wolves were the success story of last season. Wollongong's success was based on a rock-like defence with goalkeeper John Filan, Charlie Yankos, David Green, Jock Moriando and veteran Mike O'Shea. The Wolves were unlucky to lose the knock-out semi-final to eventual champions Adelaide City. But they did enough during the year to earn Ratcliffe the much-deserved coach of the year award. It was a remarkable achievement for the personable, no-nonsense Ratcliffe, who had to work with the smallest budget of any coach in the league. One bonus is the return of skillful midfielder Alex Bundalo, who missed the second half of last season with a broken leg. He is a gifted player and will make a tremendous difference. Wollongong's major problem will again be scoring goals.

ROLL OF HONOUR

We've come a long way since the hazy days of 1977, when the now blossoming COCA-COLA Soccer League kicked-off in earnest. To the end of the last summer season there had been some 3,278 league home-and-away games played, as well as 355 cup ties and a further 98 post-season games, either finals matches or the old Top 4 Cup games. Along the way those 3,731 games have provided some magical moments for Aussie soccer fans. Take a walk down memory lane and recall some of the great sides of season's past.

1977 to 1983 -

CHAMPION

1977	Sydney City
1978	West Adelaide
1979	Marconi
1980	Sydney City
1981	Sydney City
1982	Sydney City
1983	St George

CUP WINNER

Brisbane City
Brisbane City
Adelaide City
Marconi
Brisbane Lions
Apia
Sydney Olympic

TOP 4/5 CUP WINNER

No competition
Sydney City
Sydney City
Heidelberg
No competition
St George
No competition

1984 to 1986 -

CHAMPION

1984	South Melbourne
1985	Bruns.Juventus
1986	Adelaide City

CUP WINNER

Newcastle Rosebud
Sydney Olympic
Sydney City

DIVISION CHAMPION

Nth - Sydney Olympic
Sth - South Melbourne
Nth - Sydney City
Sth - Bruns.Juventus
Nth - Sydney Olympic
Sth - Adelaide City

1987 -

CHAMPION

1987	Apia
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CUP WINNER

Sydney CSC

TOP 5 CUP WINNER

St George

1988 to 1991/92 -

CHAMPION CUP WINNER

1988	Marconi
1989	Marconi
1989/90	Sydney Olympic
1990/91	South Melbourne
1991/92	Adelaide City

Apia
Adelaide City
South Melbourne
Parramatta Eagles
Adelaide City

Morwell Falcons have long been gold pass members of the Victorian Premier League competition. Twice Victorian champions, the Falcons have flown the banner proudly for the state's blossoming Latrobe Valley area. Now ambitious Morwell is set to take pride of place in the new-look CCSL. Latrobe Valley local DAVID LOWDEN from the 'Southern Cross Television Network' has followed the fortunes of Morwell closely in recent years. Here he looks at the CCSL's newest member club.

Morwell was informed of the success of its application on June 25, giving coach Bobby McLachlan and the club committee just three months to build a team and find a major sponsor. McLachlan has searched far and wide for players who will blend with the current squad and whose price tag is affordable. New Zealand has, in the past, provided the club with talented players, including striker Billy Wright and goalkeeper Dave Reynolds.

No matter who the club signs, it will be a massive challenge to mould a group of strangers into a side which can compete with the current CCSL sides. Taking some of the pressure off is the knowledge that Morwell has been guaranteed a place in the CCSL for the next three years. The Morwell Falcons Soccer Club was formed after a group of local Italian steel workers shifted a State



• Don Di Fabrizio, second from left: building the future.

Electricity Commission shed off the Princes Highway in 1961. In 1962, the group accepted a cheque for 100 pounds from a Ford dealer and agreed to name the club after the new family car which had just rolled off Ford's production line - the Falcon. The same year, the club entered the Latrobe Valley Soccer League. It won its first title in 1971. Since then there has been no looking back. Morwell Falcons was beaten on goal difference for the title in 1972, winning three of the four cups on offer. A clean sweep in 1973 earned the club promotion to the

Provisional League, the lowest level of Melbourne's Metropolitan divisions. Incredibly, Falcons took the title in their first year, but in those days there was no such thing as promotion. Morwell won again in 1975, finished second in 1976 and looked to be stagnating.

That year, North Carlton was thrown out of the State League Division Two allowing lower teams to move up a rung. Twenty-three teams applied for the vacant position in Division Four and Morwell Falcons got the nod. In 1977, the Falcons lost their first five games in a row but regrouped to finish second. Promoted to Division Three

BREAKING NEW GROUND

the following season, the club finished second again and was duly promoted to Division Two. It was three years before Morwell made the first division and in 1982, the club made it to the top - State League. The same year saw a move from the old Keegan Street ground to Crinigan Rd. State titles came twice - in 1984 and 1989. Success on the field has been matched off the park. Only once has the club recorded a loss which President Don Di Fabrizio puts down to a costly fight for a liquor licence in 1984. Since 1978, fixed assets have increased every year. Today the value of the club's buildings at Crinigan Road is \$3 million. Construction of a new stand which includes superboxes, a gymnasium and extra seating is well underway.

Don Di Fabrizio has been at the helm since 1969 and sees a bright future despite the current problems. "Yes, we are taking a big step and a quick one but we must take it now or miss out. In the long run it will be good for the club and good for soccer in Gippsland - and for that matter the rest of Australia," he said.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Formed 1961. First major trophy 1966 - the Latrobe Valley Lightning Premiership. Provisional League runner-up 1976 - earning promotion to Victorian Soccer Federation ranks in the old Metropolitan League Fourth Division. Promoted to Third Division for 1978 season; Second Division for 1979 season; First Division for 1981 season; State/Premier League for 1982 season.

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THAT WAS THE

At last Aussie soccer won recognition from the COCA-COLA System, showing that you can't beat the feeling by sponsoring the Australian teams and the national league for the 1991-92 summer. That was just one of the positive aspects as RAY GATT, the hard-hitting journalist for The Australian, reflects on a year in soccer.

JUNE

The COCA-COLA Socceroos host England before 38,000 at the Sydney Football Stadium and are unlucky to lose 1-0 to an Ian Gray own goal. The COCA-COLA Young Socceroos make the Australian sporting public take notice with a fabulous effort at the FIFA Coca-Cola World Youth Cup in Portugal. The brave effort ended when beaten 1-0 by eventual winners Portugal in the semi-finals.

SEPTEMBER

The COCA-COLA System joins forces with Australian soccer in a great boost for the game. The league prepares for its fourth season of summer soccer.

OCTOBER

The COCA-COLA Soccer League season kicks off. Champions South Melbourne thump Preston 5-1 with Kimon Taliadoros grabbing a hat-trick. Newcomers Newcastle United lose 2-0 to Adelaide City before a superb home crowd of 8000. Brisbane United and West Adelaide draw 2-2. In the second round Newcastle shocks Souths 3-1 at home. Marconi cop a 4-1 hiding from Wollongong at home after the Wolves have two players sent off. Melbourne CSC easily accounts for Heidelberg 4-1. By the fourth round Melbourne CSC are unbeaten and Parramatta Melita and Marconi share bottom spot with a point each.

NOVEMBER

The COCA-COLA Olyroos qualify to play Holland in the final hurdle for Barcelona by beating Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Fiji in the second round of matches. In the league, unbeaten Adelaide City jumps to the top with 13 points after eight rounds. South Melbourne is second and Wollongong third. Marconi is still bottom.

DECEMBER

A heavy load for CCSL clubs sorts the men from the boys. Melbourne CSC thrashes Newcastle 6-0 with



• Melbourne CSC's Player of the Year, Josip Biskic.

SEASON THAT WAS

Damian Mori hitting a hat-trick and Sydney Olympic beating South Melbourne 1-0. It's not a Happy Christmas for Sydney CSC coach Mladen Vrankovic or Preston's John Gardiner. They are sacked in favor of Ivan Raznjevic and Ian Dobson respectively. Tim Bredbury regains the goalscoring lead with 10 from Francis Awaritefe and Taliadoros. Adelaide City loses its first game, to Preston.

JANUARY 1992

Sweden tours and is not prepared for the COCA-COLA Socceroos, who win two of the three games. Only 13 goals are scored in round 15 as things tighten up in the CCSL. Wollongong grabs a second win (1-0) over Marconi in round 17. Souths crush West Adelaide 7-1 with Taliadoros claiming four.

FEBRUARY

ASF marketing manager John Tully resigns. Melbourne CSC wallops Adelaide City 4-0 with Branko Milosevic scoring twice. South Melbourne beats Heidelberg 2-1 before 12,228 fans. Melbourne CSC opens up a three point lead at the top.

MARCH

In the cup, Adelaide City beats Melbourne CSC and Marconi downs Brisbane United to reach the final. In the league, Brisbane shocks Souths 2-0 at home in round 22 while Parramatta's finals hopes nose-dive with a shock 2-1 loss to West Adelaide. Newcastle produces its best result - a 4-1 round 23 win over Melbourne CSC with John Koch scoring twice. Marconi and Apia fail to overhaul the Wolves for fifth spot as they lose to Heidelberg 2-0 and Sydney Olympic 2-1 respectively. Melbourne CSC beats West Adelaide 3-1 to take the minor premiership. Taliadoros and Bredbury share the goalscoring honors.

APRIL

Cec Bucello takes up the appointment as ASF marketing manager. Sharp sponsors the Cup final in which Adelaide City beats Marconi 2-0. Before the match it is announced that coach Bertie Mariani will part company with Marconi after five seasons and two championships. Frank Arok is his successor. The CCSL finals begin with Adelaide beating an unlucky Wollongong 1-0 in the elimination semi and South Melbourne overcoming Sydney Olympic

in the qualifying semi. Adelaide beat Olympic 2-1 in the minor semi. Melbourne CSC is first into the grand final with a 5-3 penalties win and then Adelaide knocks out champion South Melbourne to qualify for the Grand Final. Adelaide wins the championship on penalties after the scores are tied at 0-0 after extra time.

MAY

The COCA-COLA Olyroos prepare for the games against Holland with a short tour of Korea. Devastation as the under-23 team squanders a 1-0 lead to draw 1-1 with the Dutch in Sydney. Given no hope for the return leg in Utrecht, the COCA-COLA Olyroos come from 2-1 down in the closing minutes of extra time to draw 2-2, thanks to THAT goal from Ned Zelic. The great Ferenc Puskas resigns as South Melbourne coach after several successful seasons. Josip Biskic (Melbourne CSC) is named player of the year at a glittering awards night.

JUNE

The ASF bans the use of ethnic names from the start of the new CCSL season. **Soccer Australia** magazine is born. Apia Leichhardt goes into receivership and then loses its CCSL place to Victoria's Morwell Falcons. The COCA-COLA Socceroos tour the Americas, beating the USA but losing to Argentina and Uruguay.

JULY

Croatia, having been granted FIFA status, tour Australia amid tight security. The ill-tempered Croatians fail to impress, losing two matches and drawing the third, as well as having a player sent off in each game. The ASF announces SBS-TV has been awarded exclusive coverage of the World Youth Championships in Australia next year.

AUGUST

The COCA-COLA Olyroos capture the world's imagination with a superb display at the Barcelona Olympics. They hit back from a 3-1 defeat by classy Ghana in their first match to qualify for the quarter-finals by drawing 1-1 with Mexico and producing a stunning 3-0 win over Denmark. They reach the semi-finals after beating Sweden 2-1 but go down 6-1 to a brilliant Polish side. In the battle for bronze, Ghana edged home after the COCA-COLA Olyroos dominated play.

THAT WAS THE

The 1991/92 COCA-COLA Soccer League finals series will not be recalled as one of the great ones. No crowd records were threatened, goals were at a premium and the expected grand final blockbuster replay between Melbourne CSC and title-holder South Melbourne never eventuated. Instead the surprise packets from Adelaide City stormed through from the Elimination Final and Zoran Matic's heroes completed the very first double winning season in CCSL history in thorough fashion - and all South Australia celebrated. Here 'Australian and British Soccer Weekly' scribe and 3AK match-caller GREG BLAKE recalls the drama of last season's play-offs.

WEEK ONE

City started the road to glory in stunning fashion in the first cut-throat final, with Carl Veart crashing home a 5th minute winner, the only goal of the game. The Wolves toughed it out but in a dour game, City held its ground and lived to fight another day.

On the same day in Sydney, reigning champ South Melbourne was revved to fever pitch for its meeting with old rival Olympic for the right to get a crack at the minor premiers. And the Melbourne Blues rose to the occasion, refusing to wilt under sustained pressure and then blasting Mick Hickman's side away with two goals late in either half.

With Paul Trimboli running the show, South Melbourne grabbed a 42nd minute lead through Danny Wright and substitute Micheal Michalakopoulos ran away to settle the issue with three minutes left on the clock.

That was surely South Melbourne's grand final, as the Blues struggled to recapture any spark for the rest of a disappointing series.

WEEK TWO

Seven days later South Melbourne faced off against its 1990/91 grand final foe Melbourne Croatia, the Reds once again coming in as minor premiers.

At stake was a grand final berth, but with Croatia looking jaded from its three-week lay-off and South Melbourne flat from the rigours of the weeks before, the

THE 1991/92 FINALS SERIES

ELIMINATION FINAL

(Sun, April 12) at Hindmarsh Stadium
Adelaide. Att: 3818
Adelaide City 1 (Veart 5th) - Wollongong City 0

QUALIFYING FINAL

(Sun, April 12) at Parramatta Stadium, Sydney. Att: 10446
South Melbourne 2 (Wright 43rd, Michalakopoulos 87th) - Sydney Olympic 0

MINOR SEMI FINAL

(Sun, April 19) at Parramatta Stadium, Sydney. Att: 8461
Adelaide City 2 (Veart 18th and 117th) - Sydney Olympic 1 (Saad 75th) (After extra time)

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

(Sun, April 19) at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 14048
Melbourne CSC 0 - South Melbourne 0 (After extra time) Melb. CSC won 5-3 on penalties

PRELIMINARY FINAL

(Sun, April 26) at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 7186
Adelaide City 2 (R.Aloisi 49th, Veart 75th) - South Melbourne 0

GRAND FINAL

(Sun, May 3) at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 15463
Adelaide City 0 - Melbourne CSC 0 (After extra time)
Adelaide City won 4-2 on penalties

THE GRAND FINAL TEAMS WERE:

ADELAIDE CITY - Zabica, Shillabeer, T.Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melta, Tapai, Veart, Mullen, Maxwell, R.Aloisi

MELBOURNE CSC - Miller, Donnelly (Silic 70th), Talajic, Selemidis, Hannah, Marth, Mori, Biskic (Vanis 106th), Davidson, Kelic, Awaritefe

REFEREE - John McConnell

SEASON THAT WAS

match was a fizzer. Mehmet Durakovic was inspirational in keeping South Melbourne at bay and by the end of 120 minutes it was down to penalties, just as it was on grand final day the year before.

CSC wasn't about to let history repeat and Ken Murphy's side slipped into the big one with a 5-3 shoot-out win.

Back in Sydney the Adelaide bandwagon rolled on, this time in the minor semi against an Olympic team which blew its finals double chance with two devastating finals defeats.

Olympic probably gave the Zebras their toughest finals match-up, but big-hearted Carl Veart turned in the most inspirational individual effort of the series to push Adelaide over the line.

Carrying a damaged hamstring in his left leg and a crook right ankle into the game, Veart scored both of City's goals as Adelaide got over the line 2-1 in extra time.

WEEK THREE

By preliminary final day the Adelaide City threat was clear, by try as they might South Melbourne's rag-tag bunch couldn't hold back the flood. By the third week of the finals the Adelaide avalanche was crashing downhill with ever-increasing ferocity and again the tried and true match-plan won the day.

Matic's men just held South Melbourne at arms length

and with Ernie Tapai lighting the spark, the South Australians broke away with two killer blows.

A gutsy Ross Aloisi goal just after half time caught the Blues in the midriff and Carl Veart continued his rampage with the knock-out blow in the final quarter hour.



• A disappointing farewell for legendary Ferenc Puskas.

WEEK FOUR

Melbourne CSC's ultimate nightmare became Adelaide City's fairytale come true when the dust settled on grand final day.

For the second successive season CSC had topped the ladder and not lost a finals game, yet once again the Reds had become the bridesmaids.

Twelve months before South Melbourne had edged CSC out in a dramatic penalty shoot-out, this time Adelaide City had rolled in from the west to pinch the big one in the same manner.

Even a grinning Matic admitted the grand final had been ponderous and uninspiring, but it didn't matter as the Zebras' shut-em-out, beat-em-down style won the day.

If Adelaide's big game defence isn't the best of the past decade, it isn't far from it.

Alex Tobin won the best-on-ground Marston Medal, but Vidmar and Ivanovic surely weren't far behind in the voting.

And let's not discount goalkeeper Zabica, who performed heroics to stop CSC in open play and then pulled off the opening save of the penalty shoot-out, from George Hannah, to pave the way for what will long be recalled as the greatest day in the history of the Adelaide City club.

HOW THEY FINISHED IN 1991/92

TEAM	PLYD	WON	DRN	LOST	FOR	AGST	PTS
Melbourne CSC	26	14	7	5	45	26	35
Sydney Olympic	26	12	10	4	38	27	34
South Melbourne	26	13	5	8	51	28	31
Adelaide City	26	10	9	7	26	23	29
Wollongong City	26	9	10	7	24	17	28
Brisbane United	26	8	10	8	31	35	26
Marconi Fairfield	26	10	5	11	33	31	25
Apia Leichhardt	26	7	11	8	26	28	25
Heidelberg United	26	8	8	10	28	33	24
Parramatta Eagles	26	6	11	9	24	24	23
Newcastle Breakers	26	7	8	11	28	39	22
Sydney CSC	26	6	9	11	22	33	21
West Adelaide	26	7	7	12	25	46	21
Preston	26	5	10	11	21	32	20



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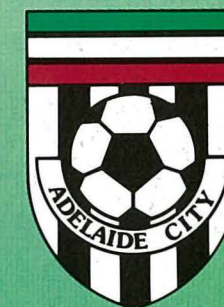
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Hindmarsh Stadium
1977 to 1991/92
Champions - 1986 and 1991/92
Cup Winners - 1979, 1989 and 1991/92
Serg Melta (368)
Steve Maxwell (68)
Dixie Deans (16) in 1977
10-3 v Mooroolbark (League) in 1977
0-6 v St George (League) in 1988



GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GOALS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	210	100	61	49	336	191	261
AWAY RECORD	210	63	55	92	246	301	181
LEAGUE TOTAL	420	163	116	141	582	492	442
FINALS /TOP 4	13	8	1	4	19	12	N/A
CUP GAMES	42	27	5	10	77	34	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	475	198	122	155	678	539	N/A

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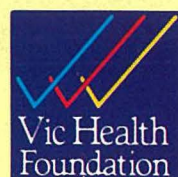




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HONOURS
GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GOALS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN

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Miron Bleiberg
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1991/92
Nil
Frank Pimblett (26)
Chris Slater (6)
Chris Slater (6) in 1991/92
2-0 v Sth Melbourne & Sydney Olympic
(League) in 1991/92
0-3 v Wollongong City (League) in 1991/92



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RECORD DEFEAT

	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	13	6	4	3	21	17	16
AWAY RECORD	13	2	6	5	10	18	10
LEAGUE TOTAL	26	8	10	8	31	35	26
FINALS /TOP 4	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
CUP GAMES	3	2	0	1	4	5	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	29	10	10	9	35	40	N/A

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92/93 HOME
YEARS IN CCSL
HONOURS
GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GLS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

P. Tsaklis
 C. Racovalis
 Gary Cole
 Olympic Village
 1977 to 1987, 1989, 1990/91 to 1991/92
 Top 4 Cup winners - 1980
 Jeff Olver (255)
 Gary Cole (88)
 Gary Cole (21) in 1980
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 1-8 v Marconi (League) in 1977

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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	184	94	45	45	294	204	233
AWAY RECORD	184	49	59	76	217	274	157
LEAGUE TOTAL	368	143	104	121	511	478	390
FINALS /TOP 4	14	4	1	9	24	26	N/A
CUP GAMES	41	21	8	12	67	49	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	423	168	113	142	602	553	N/A

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MARCONI FAIRFIELD



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HONOURS

GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GOALS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

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 Frank Arok
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 1977 to 1991/92
 Champions - 1979, 1988 and 1989
 Cup winners - 1980
 Ian Gray (265)
 Mark Jankovic (96)
 Zlatko Nastevski (20) in 1989
 9-0 v Blacktown (League) in 1980
 0-6 v Melbourne Croatia (League) in 1990/91

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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	211	108	53	50	375	229	269
AWAY RECORD	209	89	49	71	352	264	227
LEAGUE TOTAL	420	197	102	121	727	493	496
FINALS /TOP 4	27	11	6	10	46	45	N/A
CUP GAMES	40	21	4	15	65	49	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	487	229	112	146	838	587	N/A

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MELBOURNE CSC

PRESIDENT	S. Poljicak
SECRETARY	Z. Sabo
92/93 COACH	Ken Murphy
92/93 HOME	Somers Street
YEARS IN CCSL	1984 to 1991/92
HONOURS	Nil
GAMES RECORD	Josip Biskic (214)
GOALS RECORD	Francis Awaritefe (41)
GOALS IN SEASON	Ivan Kelic (17) in 1990/91
RECORD WIN	8-1 v Wollongong Mac (League) in 1990/91
RECORD DEFEAT	0-6 v Adelaide City (League) in 1990/91



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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	114	58	26	30	176	115	142
AWAY RECORD	112	44	30	38	159	159	118
LEAGUE TOTAL	226	102	56	68	335	274	260
FINALS /TOP 4	13	3	4	6	15	18	N/A
CUP GAMES	28	15	0	13	44	35	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	267	120	60	87	394	327	N/A

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MORWELL FALCONS

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92/93 COACH	Bob McLachlan
92/93 HOME	North Crinigan Reserve
YEARS IN CCSL	Nil
HONOURS	N/A
GAMES RECORD	N/A
GOALS RECORD	N/A
GOALS IN SEASON	N/A
RECORD WIN	N/A
RECORD DEFEAT	0-1 v Heidelberg (Cup) in 1984



	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AWAY RECORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEAGUE TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FINALS /TOP 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CUP GAMES	1	0	0	1	0	1	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	1	0	0	1	0	1	N/A

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92/93 HOME	Austral Park
YEARS IN CCSL	1991/92
HONOURS	Nil
GAMES RECORD	Ian Heddle, John Koch, Brad Maloney (26)
GOALS RECORD	John Koch (7)
GOALS IN SEASON	John Koch (7) in 1991/92
RECORD WIN	4-1 v Melbourne Croatia (League) in 1991/92
RECORD DEFEAT	0-6 v Melbourne Croatia (League) in 1991/92

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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	13	4	4	5	14	15	12
AWAY RECORD	13	3	4	6	14	24	10
LEAGUE TOTAL	26	7	8	11	28	39	22
FINALS /TOP 4	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
CUP GAMES	1	0	0	1	0	3	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	27	7	8	12	28	42	N/A

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PARRAMATTA EAGLES

PRESIDENT	S. Vella
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92/93 HOME	Melita Stadium
YEARS IN CCSL	1984, 1989/90 to 1991/92
HONOURS	Cup winners - 1990/91
GAMES RECORD	Alex McPherson (98)
GOALS RECORD	Greg Brown (34)
GOALS IN SEASON	Greg Brown (14) in 1989/90
RECORD WIN	4-0 v Heidelberg (League) in 1990/91
RECORD DEFEAT	0-6 v Sydney City (League) in 1984



	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	53	20	11	22	63	62	51
AWAY RECORD	53	14	23	16	53	61	51
LEAGUE TOTAL	106	34	34	38	116	123	102
FINALS /TOP 4	1	0	1	0	3	3	N/A
CUP GAMES	14	7	0	7	17	19	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	121	41	35	45	136	145	N/A

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YEARS IN CCSL	1981 to 1991/92
HONOURS	Nil
GAMES RECORD	Phil Traianedes (194)
GOALS RECORD	Steve Smith (46)
GOALS IN SEASON	Steve Smith (14) in 1985
RECORD WIN	6-0 v Wollongong City (League) in 1981, v Penrith (League) in 1984 and v White Eagles (Cup) in 1981
RECORD DEFEAT	0-5 v Sydney City (League) in 1982

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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	159	76	42	41	255	155	194
AWAY RECORD	157	37	54	66	150	215	128
LEAGUE TOTAL	316	113	96	107	405	370	322
FINALS /TOP 4	8	2	3	2	12	13	N/A
CUP GAMES	28	13	1	14	46	40	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	352	128	100	123	463	423	N/A

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SOUTH MELBOURNE



PRESIDENT	G Vasilopoulos
SECRETARY	N Sagiakos
92/93 COACH	Jim Pyrgolios
92/93 HOME	Middle Park
YEARS IN CCSL	1977 to 1991/92
HONOURS	Champions - 1984 and 1990/91 Cup winners - 1989/90
GAMES RECORD	Steve Blair (323)
GOALS RECORD	Charlie Egan (73)
GOALS IN SEASON	Doug Brown (22) in 1984
RECORD WIN	7-0 v Newcastle Rosebud (League) in 1984
RECORD DEFEAT	0-6 v Marconi (League) in 1979

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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	212	113	53	46	354	210	279
AWAY RECORD	208	81	54	73	280	265	216
LEAGUE TOTAL	420	194	107	119	634	475	495
FINALS /TOP 4	20	8	4	8	33	33	N/A
CUP GAMES	34	17	3	14	68	44	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	474	219	114	141	735	552	N/A

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SYDNEY CSC

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92/93 HOME
YEARS IN CCSL
HONOURS
GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GOALS IN SEASON

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 Mick Hickman
 Croatian Sports Centre
 1984 to 1991/92
 Cup winners - 1987
 Manis Lamond (151)
 Graham Arnold (67)
 Jim Patikas (16) in 1985 and
 Graham Arnold (16) in 1986
 6-1 v Melbourne Croatia (League) in 1987
 1-7 v Sydney City (Cup) in 1980



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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	113	53	29	31	172	131	135
AWAY RECORD	113	42	34	37	136	132	118
LEAGUE TOTAL	226	95	63	68	308	263	253
FINALS /TOP 4	8	2	2	4	8	12	N/A
CUP GAMES	22	9	2	11	26	33	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	256	106	67	83	342	308	N/A

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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YEARS IN CCSL
HONOURS

G Pashalis
 J Kelaiditis
 Peter Raskopoulos
 St George Stadium
 1977 to 1979, 1981 to 1991/92
 Champions - 1989/90
 Cup winners - 1983 and 1985
 Gary Meier (287)
 Marshall Soper (45)
 Marshall Soper (16) in 1982
 6-0 v Apia (Cup) in 1986
 0-5 v Sydney City (League) in 1978 and
 v Sydney Croatia (League) in 1985



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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	198	85	68	55	284	208	238
AWAY RECORD	196	69	58	69	261	258	196
LEAGUE TOTAL	394	154	116	124	545	466	424
FINALS /TOP 4	25	14	2	9	37	33	N/A
CUP GAMES	38	23	2	13	68	52	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	457	191	120	146	650	551	N/A

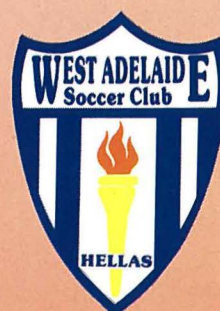
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HONOURS
GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
GLS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

H Zacharoyonnis
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 1977 to 1986, 1989/90 to 1991/92
 Champions - 1978
 Graham Honeyman (239)
 Graham Honeyman (36)
 John Kosmina (13) in 1979
 7-0 v Sunshine G.Cross (League) in 1984
 0-7 v Sydney City (League) in 1980 and v
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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	160	63	33	64	217	219	159
AWAY RECORD	158	33	37	88	146	274	103
LEAGUE TOTAL	318	96	70	152	363	493	262
FINALS /TOP 4	2	0	0	2	2	5	N/A
CUP GAMES	27	12	3	12	40	36	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	347	108	73	166	405	534	N/A

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GOALS RECORD
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RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

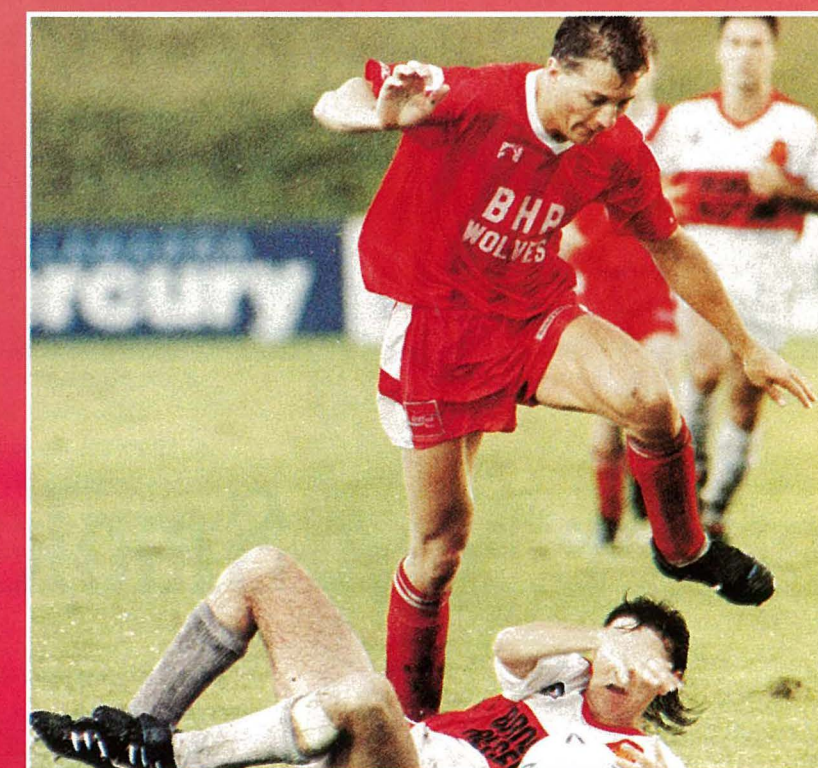
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 Nil
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 Phil O'Connor (18) in 1982
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 0-6 v Preston (League) in 1980, v
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 (League) 89/90

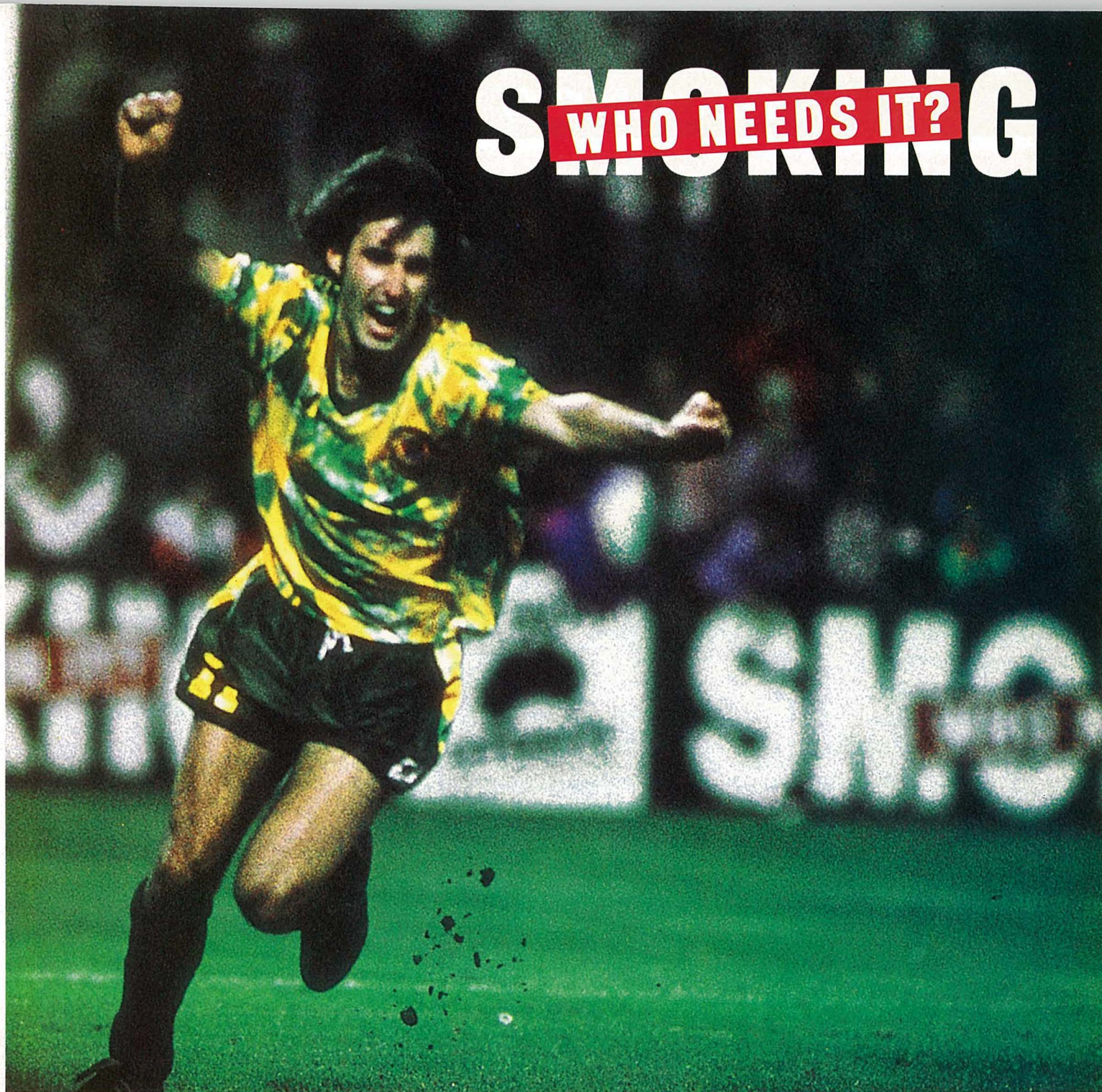


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	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts
HOME RECORD	145	56	45	44	203	189	157
AWAY RECORD	147	37	38	72	145	241	112
LEAGUE TOTAL	292	93	83	116	348	430	269
FINALS /TOP 4	5	1	1	3	3	6	N/A
CUP GAMES	18	5	0	13	26	36	N/A
TOT CCSL GAMES	315	99	84	132	377	372	N/A

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STARS EARN STRIPES

Adelaide City's double-winning season captured the imagination of the South Australian public - and for good reason. Over five drama filled weeks in April and May the Adelaide City Zebras pulled out every ounce of skill and courage they could muster to achieve the seemingly impossible double. Radio 3AK match caller GREG BLAKE watched the drama unfold in a memorable month of finals. Here's how he saw Adelaide City's remarkable bid for glory against the odds.

We all saw the storm whipping in from the South Australian capital, but stupidly we chose to ignore the signs. After all, Adelaide City had reeled off a string of victories to start the 1991/92 campaign - the club's most successful start to a CCSL season ever - and despite a mid-year slump Zoran Matic's side had crunched Marconi in the cup final on the eve of the play-offs. But surely the road from the cut-throat elimination game would be too big an ask, even for the mighty Zebras?



• Alex Tobin with the Sharp Cup.

How wrong we all were. In a roller-coaster ride over four memorable weeks Adelaide City produced a series of upsets, comebacks and last-gasp shoot-outs to take off the major prize, the Australian title.

It was in the finals that Adelaide City's 'Wall of Doom' defence was at its most devastating. Skilled, but dour, tough and uncompromising, the Zebra defence crushed the life out of Wollongong City, Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne and Melbourne CSC with successive powerhouse displays over four weeks. Over some 420 minutes of cut-throat finals football the feared combination of Robbie Zabica, Paul Shillabeer, Tony Vidmar, Milan Ivanovic and Alex Tobin conceded just a single goal. Is it any wonder these now legendary giants of the CCSL form the backbone of the senior COCA-COLA Socceroo defence?

If Adelaide's eventual success proved anything, it is the theory that any side which stays relatively clear of injury and suspension stands a fair chance of success. Matic needed to call on just 17 senior players last summer, one

less than grand final opponent Melbourne CSC and three less than the likes of Marconi, South Melbourne, Parramatta Eagles and Sydney CSC.

By comparison, league newcomer Brisbane United needed 24 players throughout the testing home-and-away campaign. If further evidence is needed, consider Adelaide's late season run of outs when Matic was, literally, struggling to field a senior side. City went undefeated for its first dozen games and led the league at the half way mark before a dramatic run of outs threatened its finals bid.

After crashing for the first time on Boxing Day at Preston the eventual champions went eight games without a win, dropping to fifth on the ladder with just four weeks remaining in the home-and-away campaign. In the end the Zebras staggered over the line, losing at South Melbourne and at home against bogey team Preston in the final two home-and-away rounds.

By cup final day Matic was still juggling his line-up, but the Hindmarsh Stadium victory over Marconi to return the cup to South Australia seemed to lift the club at the right time. As Adelaide City started to regain its best side, the early season form we'd all conveniently forgotten returned with a vengeance. With the exception of Robert Csoboth, Adelaide hit the business end of the season full of running.

And finally the boys in black and white ended the year as they started it, reeling off a succession of impressive wins. Only this time they did the job when it counted most - against the best sides in the country.



• Adelaide City celebrates its double success.

AWARD WINNERS DOWN THE YEARS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1977	Jim Rooney (Marconi)
1978	Ken Boden (Newcastle Utd)
1979	Ivo Prskalo (Marconi)
1980	Jim Hermiston (Brisbane Lions)
1981	Bobby Russell (Adelaide City)
1982	Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic)
1983	Joe Watson (Sydney City)
1984	Serg Melta (Adelaide City)
1985	Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide)
1986	Bobby Russell (South Melbourne)
	Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) *
1987	Andrew Zinni (Brunswick Juventus)
	Frank Farina (Marconi) *
1988	Paul Wade (South Melbourne)
	Frank Farina (Marconi) *
1989	Zlatko Nastveski (Marconi)
1989/90	Zeljko Adzic (Melbourne Croatia)
1990/91	Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City).

Until 1988 the best player award was voted on by referees, with a separate count for the players' player of the year beginning in 1986. An * indicates the players' player of the year in the years 1986 to 1988, when both players were awarded separate trophies. Since 1989 the players' player of the year has become the single most prestigious individual award of the season.

TOP SCORERS

1977	Dixie Deans (Adelaide City) - 16
1978	Ken Boden (Newcastle Utd) and Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs) - 14
1979	Mark Jankovic (Marconi) - 18
1980	Gary Cole (Heidelberg) - 21
1981	Gary Cole (Heidelberg) - 16
1982	John Kosmina (Sydney City) - 23
1983	Doug Brown (South Melbourne) - 16
1984	Doug Brown (South Melbourne) - 22
1985	Charlie Egan (South Melbourne) - 21
1986	Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) - 15
1987	Frank Farina (Marconi) - 16
1988	Frank Farina (Marconi) - 16
1989	Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi) - 20
1989/90	David Seal (Sydney Croatia) - 15
1990/91	David Seal (Marconi) - 19

UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1977	John Kosmina (West Adelaide)
1978	Ian Souness (Sydney City)
1979	Eddie Krncevic (Marconi)
1980	John Spanos (Sydney City)
1981	David Mitchell (Adelaide City)
1982	David Lowe (Newcastle United)
1983	Oscar Crino (South Melbourne)
1984	Tony Franken (Canberra City)
1985	Alan Hunter (Brisbane Lions)
1986	Ernie Tapai (Melbourne City)
1987	John Markovski (Sunshine George Cross)
1988	Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)
1989	Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)
1989/90	Paul Okon (Marconi)
1990/91	Paul Okon (Marconi)

SIMPLY



• Paul Trimboli and a pretty woman.



• LEFT: All the winners of the CCSL.

• BELOW: Kimon Taliadoros.



COACH OF THE YEAR

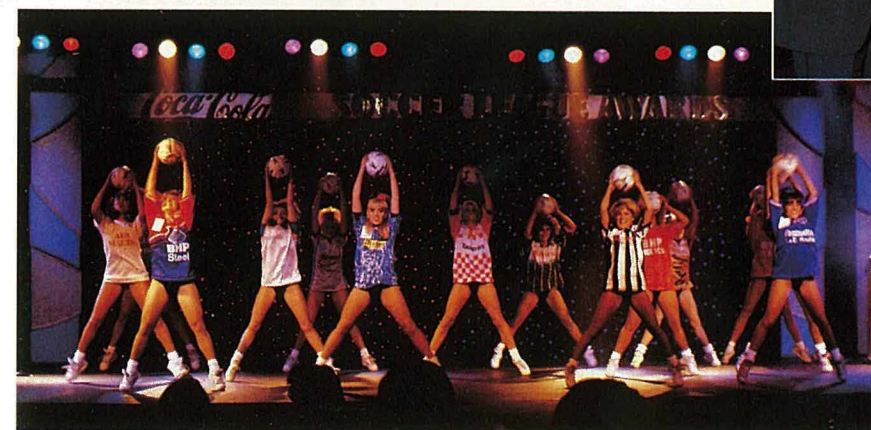
1977	Rale Rasic (Marconi)
1978	Gerry Chaldi (Sydney City)
1979	Les Scheinflug (Marconi)
1980	John Margaritis (South Melbourne)
1981	Eddie Thomson (Sydney City)
1982	Frank Arok (St George)
1983	Frank Arok (St George)
1984	Eddie Thomson (Sydney City)
1985	Eddie Thomson (Sydney City)
1986	Drago Sekularic (Melbourne City)
1987	Rale Rasic (Apia)
1988	Brian Garvey (South Melbourne)
1989	Bertie Mariani (Marconi)
1989/90	Bertie Mariani (Marconi)
1990/91	Zoran Matic (Adelaide City)

THE BEST!

It was billed as the COCA-COLA Soccer League night of stars, and that's exactly what it was when past, present and future greats of the Aussie game gathered to pay tribute to the best of the best at a glittering awards ceremony in Sydney in May. Victorian veteran Josip Biskic took off the major award, the 'John Warren Medal', as some compensation for his Melbourne CSC side's second successive grand final defeat.

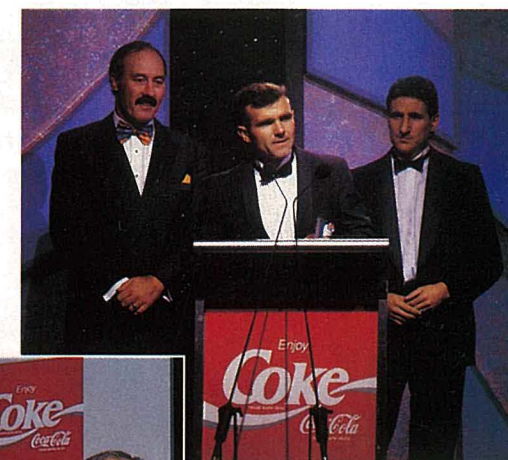
ALL THE 1991/92 AWARD WINNERS

WARREN MEDAL (Player of the Year)
Josip Biskic (Melbourne CSC)
UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Kevin Muscat (Heidelberg United)
COACH OF THE YEAR
David Ratcliffe (Wollongong City)
TOP SCORER
Tie between Tim Bredbury (Sydney Olympic) and Kimon Taliadoros (South Melbourne)
REFEREE OF THE YEAR
John McConnell (NSW)
REUSCH GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
Robert Zabica
MITRE FAIR PLAY AWARD
South Melbourne
NORTHERN DIVISION YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Ante Milicic (Sydney CSC)
SOUTHERN DIVISION YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Jani Suric (Melbourne CSC)
MARSTON MEDAL (Grand Final Man of the Match)
Alex Tobin (Adelaide City)
SHARP CUP FINAL MAN OF THE MATCH
Joe Mullen (Adelaide City)



• ABOVE: Sydney's No. 1 dancers. RIGHT: Robert Zabica receives his trophy as goalkeeper of the year.

• RIGHT: Josip Biskic receives his trophy.



• LEFT: George Dick (left) and Peter Trives, vice president, sports marketing, Coca-Cola South Pacific.



• RIGHT: Kevin Muscat receives his trophy.



South fails in back-to-back championship bid

ROY HAY reflects on last season's National Youth League and how the CCSL stars of the future performed.

YOUTH TITLE TO SYDNEY

Northern Division winner Sydney CSC was crowned as National Youth League champion for 1991-92 after defeating Southern Division opponent and title defender South Melbourne 3-1 in the play-off in Melbourne. In the curtain-raiser to the senior grand final, the Blues took the lead after Jim Iliopoulos sent a shot in off the goal post following a through ball by Peter Tzamouranis, but Sydney was beginning to dominate long before Ivan Topic equalised. Ante Milicic, the Northern Division player of the year, then deflected a free kick by Miro Jurilj in stoppage time to complete a fine win for the Sydneysiders.

Sydney CSC, which finished second on the ladder, defeated Parramatta Eagles to go straight into the Grand Final. The Australian Institute of Sport easily disposed of Sydney Olympic 4-0 but then had an almighty battle to subdue Parramatta Eagles in the Preliminary Final. The final score of 4-0 gave no indication of the extent to which the AIS was indebted to its keeper Bellamy, who kept it in the match for long spells.

The Northern Division Grand Final between Sydney CSC and the AIS also went to extra time after CSC missed a penalty late in the second half. Ante Moric took and scored with a second penalty in extra time and Mirko Jurilj made certain of victory with another goal. In the Southern Division, Preston downed Sunshine George Cross 5-0 in a postponed Round 18 game to snatch the

FINAL LEAGUE LADDERS							
Southern Division							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	26	19	3	4	75	30	41
South Melbourne	26	19	3	4	67	27	41
Heidelberg United	26	17	4	5	50	24	38
Melbourne CSC	26	17	3	6	86	37	37
South Melb Colts	26	17	2	7	56	34	36
Altona Gate	26	12	3	11	50	43	27
Sunshine George Cross	26	9	6	11	49	49	24
Melbourne CSC Colts	26	11	2	13	49	64	24
Croydon City	26	9	3	14	41	45	21
Morwell Falcons	26	9	3	14	40	53	21
Brunswick United Juventus	26	6	8	12	31	48	20
Springvale City	26	7	4	15	28	55	18
Heidelberg United Colts	26	4	1	21	29	87	9
Fawkner	26	2	3	21	20	75	7
Northern Division							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Eagles	26	19	5	2	57	26	43
Sydney CSC	26	18	5	3	81	26	41
Australian Institute of Sport	26	18	4	4	95	32	40
Sydney Olympic	26	16	3	7	59	36	35
Marconi	26	16	2	8	72	39	34
Wollongong City	25	11	5	9	47	39	27
Sydney Olympic Colts	26	9	7	10	39	48	25
Apia Leichardt	26	10	4	12	39	46	24
Newcastle BHP	26	8	4	14	39	53	20
Sydney CSC Colts	26	7	5	14	43	63	19
Highfields Azzurri	26	6	4	16	39	76	16
Adamstown Rosebuds	25	6	3	16	39	55	15
St George BSC	25	3	7	15	36	76	13
Wollongong Macedonia	25	2	4	19	15	86	8



• Sydney CSC goal-scorers
Ivan Topic, Ante Milicic and
Mirko Jurilj.

Minor Premiership from South Melbourne. Heidelberg United, the runaway leader early on, sneaked into third place. In the finals, Heidelberg United beat Melbourne CSC on penalties after a scoreless draw. In the Preliminary semi-final Preston defeated South Melbourne 1-0 thanks to an opportunist goal by Nick Georgopoulos. This brought the Blues against Heidelberg in the Preliminary Final with Souths too strong – Nick Tsaltas, Tim Schleiger and Peter Nikolakopoulos scoring in a 3-0 win. The

Grand Final was a repeat of the Preston versus South Melbourne game only this time the Blues won on penalties after Preston had fought back from a 2-0 deficit. Peter Nikolakopoulos scored twice, at the start of each half, but Nick Georgopoulos again scored for Preston when Nick Cuculevski's initial shot was blocked. A Goran Lozanovski penalty again took the match into extra time, which did not break the deadlock. South Melbourne won the penalty shoot-out 5-3.

Never has Aussie soccer been the subject of such overwhelming publicity. The electronic media has given the sport unprecedented exposure since summer soccer began three years ago. Season 1992-93 promises more of the same. Here PETER SCOTT reveals who will be covering what on television and radio this season.

Australian television viewers - and more specifically soccer fans - are lucky indeed. Thanks to the blossoming of the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) network, we now have arguably the best television programming of the world game anywhere, all year round. A feature of this outstanding package is coverage of the COCA-COLA Soccer League. Three times a week during the CCSL season, the best Australian soccer comes to our screens.

ON THE BALL, the magazine-style program featuring news and previews, moves to 1.30pm Saturday this season. MATCH OF THE DAY is at 8.30pm Sundays with a repeat at 4.30pm Mondays. And your favourite sporting commentary team is back, led by Les Murray, who has carved a niche in recent seasons as one of the most professional television sports presenters in Australia. The MATCH OF THE DAY commentary team again includes Andy Paschalides and former COCA-COLA Socceroo skipper Johnny Warren.

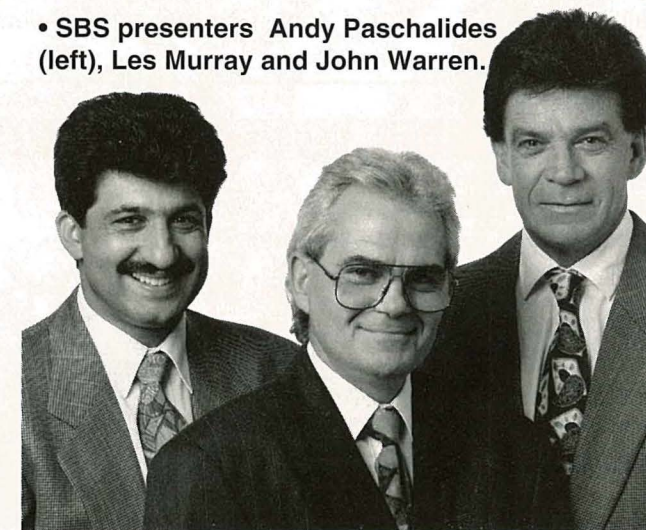
Outstanding young producer Dominic Galati will continue to "pull the strings" behind the scenes. Up to 40 technicians will be deployed for featured games with nine cameras around the ground for match of the day matches. The multi-cultural network's commitment to soccer through its recently-signed six-year agreement with the Australian Soccer Federation will ensure that soccer coverage this summer is a superb showcase of the game in this country.

That is no more than soccer deserves after the superb performances of our national teams in major international championships recently. SBS also gives a complete coverage of the sport throughout the world. From the best that Europe has to offer, to South America's best

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Soccer is winning the airwaves battle

• SBS presenters Andy Paschalides (left), Les Murray and John Warren.



soccer, to the World Cup, FA Cup and European championships you'll find it on SBS. While SBS is the "new kid on the block" on the national television scene, the high quality of its work and programming is certainly leaving its mark. Word is spreading that SBS can be tuned into easily in most areas, that it provides an attractive alternative and that its sports coverage is factual, authoritative and the commentary entertaining.

Almost anyone with a simple UHF aerial - and many without it - can now enjoy multi-cultural television at its best, including local and international soccer.

Soccer is lucky to have the benefit of all this - as well as a long term commitment to the sport which stretches back to the early pioneering days of multi-cultural television in Australia. SBS now broadcasts on the following UHF channels around Australia.

Acton 52, Adelaide 28 and 43, Bairnsdale 54, Ballarat 30, Bendigo 29, Birkenhead 53, Bowral 30, Braidwood 54, Brisbane 28, Bruthen 30, Canberra 28, 54 and 58, Churchill 52, Cooma 53, Gippsland 34, Gisborne 68, Gold Coast 48 and 61, Gosford 58, Goulburn 58, Griffith 28, Hobart 28 and 43, Khancoban 57, Lakes Entrance

Soccer is winning the airwaves battle

29, Melbourne 28, 51, 58, 68 and 69, Newcastle 32, 43 and 55, Nowra 29, Nymagee 69, Perth 28, Peterhead 53, Stanwell Park 30, Swan Hill 28, Sydney 28, 39 and 58, Taroom 43, Toowoomba 53, Ulladulla 30, Wagga Wagga 53, Wollongong 32 and 53, Woomera 28, Wyong 39.

Radio stations in Australia's major cities are also eagerly gearing up for the new CCL season. Radio 2KY in Sydney and 5RPH in Adelaide are two stations which have dipped their toes into the soccer market with some success already.

The real trailblazer is Melbourne's 3AK, which introduced Super Soccer Sunday in October 1990. The show's format is revolutionary and a long way from the pioneering efforts of the ABC 30 years ago when Martin Royal brought the game live to listeners on Saturday afternoons.

Both 3AK and 2GB will feature live, uninterrupted broadcasts of the CCL Match of the Day every Sunday with special comments from leading personalities and

score updates from other games. There is also an evening program wrapping up all the highlights of the other games, complete with a talk-back session.

3AK produced many firsts in 1991, including the first commercial radio coverage of a COCA-COLA Soccer match, last season's Grand Final complete with dramatic penalty shoot-out and a series of in-depth feature interviews. Melbourne also has a second soccer program on Monday evenings from 5.30pm to 7pm on 3UZ (927). The program is hosted by John "Shocker" Myles and former Liverpool and South Melbourne striker Alun Evans.

5RPH wants to broadcast live and uninterrupted all CCL games in Adelaide this season. The prime time Saturday 8.30am slot will also feature match previews, post mortems and talk-back. There are also plans for year-round soccer coverage. Spokesman Raffaele Tardivo also announced his management's intention to seek permission to broadcast next year's World Youth Cup matches in Adelaide.



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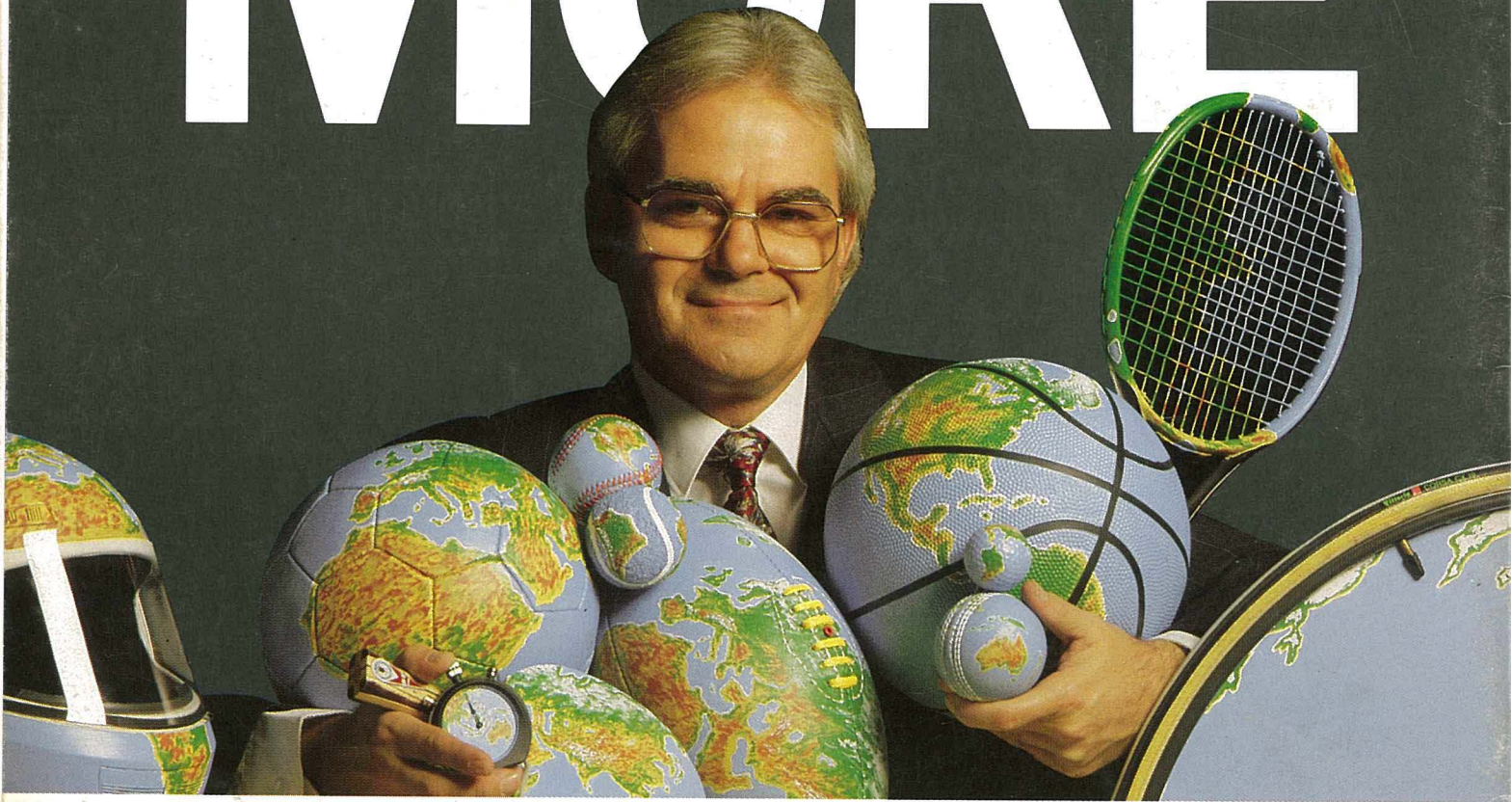
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